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SUBJECT: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON COLONIALISM

REF: A. PANAMA 1438, B. PANAMA 1466

FOR USDEL

1. IF DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTAINED REFTEL B PUT TO A VOTE
DELEGATION SHOULD ABSTAIN. ONLY IF DRAFT SUBSTANTIALLY
ALTERED WOULD US BE ABLE TO SUPPORT. FOLLOWING POINTS
GIVE US PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY:

2. PREAM PARA 3. REFERENCE TO " LIBERATION PROCESS"
TROUBLESOME BECAUSE IT COULD PERMIT IMPLICATION TO BE
DRAWN THAT VIOLENCE IS INEVITABLE AND PERHAPS SANCTIONED
BY THE RESOLUTION. " PROCESS OF SELF- DETERMINATION" WOULD
BE ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE.

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3. PREAM PARA 4. PREFER " RIGHT TO SELF- DETERMINATION"

TO " TOTAL INDEPENDENCE". IT IS OUR LONG- STANDING POSITION THAT INDEPENDENCE IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF PROCESS OF SELF- DETERMINATION. WE HAVE HOWEVER, AS YOU KNOW, ACCEPTED THE FORMULATION " SELF- DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE."

4. OP PARA 1. WHILE SUPERFICIALLY UNEXCEPTIONABLE, WE CANNOT ACCEPT BECAUSE IN THE CONTEXT OF PANAMA MEETING THERE ARE IMPLICATIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS OVER STATUS CANAL ZONE. THERE COULD ALSO BE ADVERSE IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE STATUS TTPI. (WE HOPE UK AND FRANCE WILL ALSO NOTICE IMPLICATIONS FOR BELIZE, FALKLAND ISLANDS, AND GUYANA).

5. OP PARA 2. DESPITE US SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION 1810 PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD NOT ALLOW US SUPPORT FOR THIS FORMULATION, PARTICULARLY PORTION DEALING WITH INDEPENDENCE AND/ OR RECOVERY OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY WITHOUT DELAY, FOR ESSENTIALLY SAME REASONS GIVEN ABOVE. ROGERS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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